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Docket No. 213.1127-U

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Unknown Art Unit: 1615
Re: Application of: GREENWALD, Richard B., et al.
 Serial No.: 09/823,296
 Filed: March 29, 2001
 For: **TERMINALLY-BRANCHED POLYMERIC
LINKERS CONTAINING EXTENSION MOIETIES AND
POLYMERIC CONJUGATES CONTAINING THE SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2001

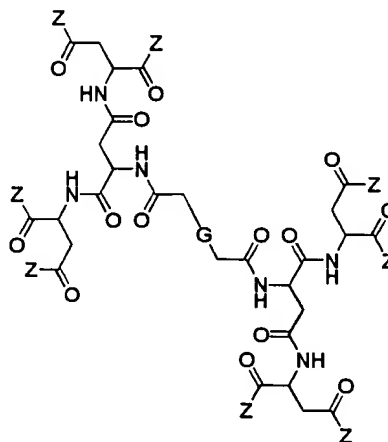
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 50, line 1, with the following rewritten Abstract:

The present invention is directed to polymeric prodrug transport forms and methods of making and using the same. In one preferred aspect, the prodrugs are of the formula:



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